

REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 24-26, 28-30, and 37-40 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 21, 39, and 40 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Alleged new matter

The Advisory Action alleges that independent claim 21 contains new matter as a result of the Amendment submitted on October 7, 2010. In this regard, the Advisory Action states:

Continuation of 3. NOTE: Claim 21 raises the new issue/matter of reflectivity that is less than 100%. 1

We respectfully disagree. Claim 21 recites, *inter alia*, “a reflector between the first serial transducer and the second serial transducer, the reflector having a reflectivity that is less than 100%.” The subject application provides support for these features. For example, the subject application discloses that “this reflector makes it possible to adjust the acoustic coupling between the serial transducers that surround it.”<sup>2</sup> The subject application also discloses that “with the reflector that is placed between the acoustically coupled transducers, it is possible, for example, to modify the acoustic coupling.”<sup>3</sup> The subject application further discloses that “in the embodiment of the assembly in accordance with the invention that is shown in Figure 9, a reflector, R23, is placed between the first serial transducer, W21, and the second serial

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<sup>1</sup> Advisory Action, page 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subject application, page 7, lines 22-23. *See also*, Figure 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, page 8, lines 3-4. *See also*, Figure 7.

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transducer, W22, for the purpose of controlling the acoustic coupling between the two transducers.”<sup>4</sup>

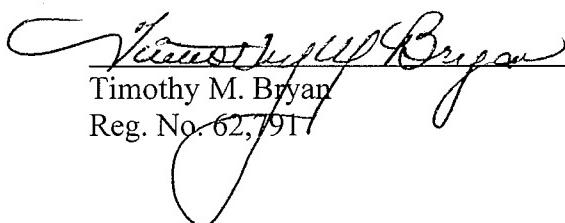
Based at least on the foregoing exemplary excerpts from the subject application, the subject application discloses that an acoustic coupling is maintained between the serial transducers that surround the reflector. Accordingly, the subject application is understood to support the features of a reflector having a reflectivity of less than 100%, as recited in claim 21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, we respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, page 9, lines 1-4. *See also*, Figure 9.